

MADISON COUNTY FAIR

WILL BE HELD SECOND WEEK IN SEPTEMBER.

WILL BE STRICTLY COUNTY FAIR

Dates Fixed Without Waiting to Consult the North Nebraska Racing Circuit—Indifference as to What the Race Association Does.

Madison, Neb., Jan. 13.—From a staff correspondent: Madison has decided on the second week in September as the date for the county fair without waiting for the annual meeting of the North Nebraska racing circuit association in Norfolk this month.

"What does this mean?" was asked a Madison man who is prominent in county fair affairs.

"It means," was the reply, "that Madison is going to hold a county fair next fall. If the horsemen want to come to Madison, well and good. If they don't, well and good. We are going to have a big fair and we don't expect the racing end to swing the whole affair. There is also a feeling that some changes ought to be made in the racing circuit to the annual meeting this month."

Alleging some very serious charges against his wife, Mrs. Grace Vandeventer, Alva Edwin Vandeventer filed a petition in the district court asking for a divorce. The Vandeventers were married at Stanton on March 28, 1905. The suit was filed by W. V. Allen as attorney.

That old country weddings sometimes go wrong as well as American matrimonial alliances was attested Saturday when Mrs. Christina Hamann asked for a divorce from her husband, Richard Hamann. They were married on April 16, 1899, in Welster, Germany. She claims to have been deserted on her arrival in Madison county on Christmas day of 1903. Desertion and non-support are alleged. Mrs. Hamann asks for the control of her eight-year-old daughter, Greta, and her five-year-old son, Richard. Jack Koenigstein is the attorney.

The Madison commercial club at the January meeting went on record as opposed to the parcel post suggestion of the postmaster general.

The Madison high school boys met Genoa in a basket ball game Saturday evening in Madison.

The Madison city hall is still two or three weeks from being completed. Little progress has been made on the building during the last few months. It is said that the contract in stating a time for the completion of the building did not fix a penalty and named a day of the month without specifying the year. It was something like passing a law "Thou shalt not murder" without fixing a penalty for killing. It is guess work when the hall will be ready.

The death of Mrs. Weltz last week was the passing of another Madison county pioneer. Her residence in this county covered about two score of years. With her husband she settled on a Madison county homestead seven miles southwest of Madison in the days when the coming of the railroad was still a brave dream of the pioneer. On the old homestead Mrs. Weltz died Thursday, age sixty-four. The funeral was held Sunday from the German Evangelical church, of which Mrs. Weltz was a member. She left three sons: Lawrence Weltz of south of Oakdale, Louis Weltz of Montana and Charles Weltz of south of Madison, and four daughters: Mrs. Dan Reiter who lives on the home place, Mrs. Carl Polenske of six miles south of Madison, Mrs. Fred Schachtjen of Stanton county and Mrs. Maggie Heim of Chicago. Save for Mrs. Heim, who is sick in Chicago, all of the children were present.

Stepping into office Thursday all the county officials gave new bonds. Treasurer F. A. Peterson's bond was \$75,000 and as required by law was a surety bond furnished by the county. District Clerk Rield and Sheriff J. J. Clements gave personal bonds. The amount of the various bonds furnished is: Sheriff Clements, \$10,000; Deputy Treasurer Darlington, \$10,000; County Judge Bates, \$10,000; District Clerk Field, \$5,000; County Clerk Richardson, \$4,000; Deputy County Clerk McFarland, \$4,000; County Assessor Ruth, \$4,200; County Superintendent Perdue, \$1,000.

The fight over the appointment of a guardian for Edward Johnson, alleged to be incompetent, has been taken from the county court to the district court.

"The Daily News is a household necessity in Madison," said J. B. Donovan, editor of the Star-Mall, Saturday night discussing the newspaper field in Madison. "A man can't come from the postoffice with a copy of The News without two or three people stopping you and asking what's in The News. At the postoffice you'll see The News passed around from one man to another until a dozen have read one paper. Madison people didn't know there was an afternoon freight until they began to get The News in the afternoon."

"I was in the World-Herald office in Omaha talking to the circulation manager. 'Why is it, Donovan, that with all our friends around Madison we haven't got a bigger list of subscribers there?' he asked. 'Well I'll tell you,' I said, 'The Norfolk News scoops the World-Herald just exactly thirteen hours on late news and the

people get what they want in The News. Besides, it gives us the north Nebraska news where our interest naturally lies.' The circulation man didn't know much about the Norfolk News but I told him north Nebraska people did."

"Do you know that The Norfolk News is a household necessity at my home?" asked County Superintendent F. S. Perdue. "I have two boys, one eleven and one fourteen, and there is trouble from them if I don't bring The News home from the court house. It is the only paper that the boys will read. I find that the reason is that the pieces in The News are more condensed and more to the point than the Omaha and Lincoln papers which the lads find hard to follow. And just what appeals to those boys appeals to the grown-ups."

LOCATION OF LIBRARY

SEVERAL PROPOSITIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

BOARD GIVES CONSIDERATION

At a Meeting of the Library Board Three Propositions Are Considered. Dissatisfaction With Proposed Third Street Location.

The matter of a location for the Carnegie library building was up for consideration by the library board at a meeting held Friday evening. The matter came up in the form of a report from the committee that had previously been appointed to secure propositions and prices on locations. Three sites were considered, the lot across the street from the federal building on the south, a lot east across the street from the Catholic church and one on Third street and Phillip avenue. At the close of the meeting a statement was issued by the board, as follows:

Statement of the Board. It was the sense of the board to begin with, that the first condition to be observed in the location of the building is that the location must be central considering the geographical boundaries of the city, proximity to the business part of the city and to the schools. To this end it was considered not best to go far outside of limits, roughly drawn, as follows: West from Third street to Sixth street, and south from Norfolk avenue to Park avenue.

It by no means follows that under no circumstances would the building be located outside of the above limits. Circumstances might arise that would compel the board to select a site outside of these limits. The committee was able to report the following propositions for sites within the above limits:

First—So much of lots 7 and 8 block 4, Mathewson's addition (the corner south of the federal building) as would make a corner lot 100 feet square, for \$3,000.

Second—Lot 8 in block 6 of Koenigstein's addition (across the street east from the Catholic church) a corner lot 66 feet wide and 176 feet deep, 66 feet on Madison avenue and 176 feet on Fifth street, \$2,500.

Third—Mr. S. S. Cotton proposes that if the city of Norfolk will deed to him the lot which it owns fronting on Third street, being a lot 50 feet wide and 100 feet deep, off of lots 15 and 16, block 2 of Mathewson's Second addition, he will give the city 100 feet off of the south end of said lots, 15 and 16. This would make a site for the library 100 feet square on the corner of Third street and Phillip avenue. This site is situated on Third street, one block north of the Lincoln school.

It does not follow that the above sites are all that will in any event be considered, but those are the ones that the board feels are the most desirable for the reasons above given.

It was determined to prepare subscription lists and present them to the people of the city. This privilege will be given to all to indicate their choice of the above propositions by subscribing the amounts they will be willing to give for their first and second choices of the first two propositions, and also of indicating whether they think the third proposition should be accepted.

Copies of the said subscription lists will be left with the banks of the city, and a committee from the board will also call personally upon all they can reach.

The foregoing is the official statement issued by the board as to the location of the Carnegie library building. A persistent rumor is prevalent that the board favors the Third street location, and many people, particularly those who have labored for many years in the hope of securing just such a building and library as are now promised, are very much stirred up over the prospect of having the building on that location, which it is claimed is neither convenient nor appropriate. The fear that the board seriously contemplates placing the building on the ground offered by Col. Cotton is perhaps overdrawn, as the board could hardly seriously contemplate erecting a building of the character planned on a location that would give as much general dissatisfaction as seems to be manifested over the proposition at this early stage of the game.

You often wish you were rich, in order that you might "do something" for your friends. If you will do the little within your power, you will do enough. You can add a little cheer to the life of everyone you know, by being gentle, polite and considerate.

ASK FOR A GRAND JURY

CITIZENS OF M'LEAN, PIERCE CO., WANT INVESTIGATION.

MANY CRIMES ARE ENUMERATED

There Are a Number of Matters in Pierce County Considered Worthy of Grand Jury Investigation by People of That County.

Fifty-three citizens residing near McLean in Pierce county have petitioned District Judge A. A. Welch to call a grand jury in connection with the next term of the Pierce district court which convenes March 16.

In the petition there are enumerated some ten or more crimes that have been committed in the vicinity of McLean within the last two years. Stock-stealing is the offense enumerated most often.

Among the crimes listed is the slugging and robbing of Alonzo Snyder on December 14. Snyder is a farmer living near McLean and the assault on him served to arouse the people of the northeastern part of the county. Snyder's assailant is being prosecuted by County Attorney J. A. Van Wageningen.

Some citizens of that section allege the existence of a bold gang of thieves, who have been working in Pierce county and against whom they are calling the terrors of the grand jury.

It is said that mass meetings have been held and that feeling is very intense around McLean.

The grand jury may be called. The grand jury is of course expensive. On this score the opinion of the Pierce county commissioners will probably be obtained.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

A. H. Winder is home. Perry Dingman of Missouri Valley is in Norfolk Saturday.

J. C. Engelmann went to Orchard on business Saturday afternoon.

A. M. White of Foster was a business visitor in Norfolk Saturday.

The funeral of Mrs. Schwerm, mother of Mrs. J. C. Adams, will be held at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Father Tevis was in St. Edwards Friday.

Father Walsh arrived home Friday noon from Omaha.

W. J. Stadelman is home from a short trip to Kearney.

Miss Drusilla Tompkins of Inman is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Loucks.

Claim Agent Hunter of the Northwestern was in Norfolk yesterday from Omaha.

Misses Junke and Randall, who have been employed at the Norfolk hospital, have gone to Grand Island on a visit.

Frank O. Evans and C. F. Austin of Des Moines, who have been in Norfolk on business, returned to Iowa yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Varner are expected home next week from Seward, where they have been making a wedding visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Luders came over from Hosiens Saturday. Mr. Luders returned on the afternoon train and Mrs. Luders will visit Norfolk friends until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Viele leave Sunday for Chicago and Michigan. Business takes Mr. Viele to Chicago but he and his wife will visit in Michigan before returning to Norfolk.

C. D. Simms leaves Monday for Lincoln, where he is arranging to start a new pickle factory. The factory will be located at Havelock with office and warehouse in Lincoln, and Mr. Simms thinks he has a fine opening.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: A. R. Davis, Wayne; S. E. Baker, Columbus; S. W. Stauffer, Lyons; J. C. Moore, Broken Bow; Miss Davey, Wayne; Miss Clara Stillman, Wayne; C. B. Kane, Bonesteel, S. D.; E. Crook, A. M. White, Foster; J. G. Huffman, Plainview; William Gehrs, Murdock; M. M. Kennels, Osmond; H. M. Scott, Plainview; Knox Tiptle, Stanton; Julius Degner, Wisner.

Mrs. Whitney returned Friday evening from Rochester, Minn., where she had been with her father and mother, Judge and Mrs. Powers. Mrs. Powers was able to leave the hospital on Tuesday and it is expected that she will be well enough to come home the latter part of next week. She was very sick while in Rochester just before the operation for gall stones, hence her recovery is comparatively slow. Judge Powers is better than he has been before for ten years.

Marion Saunders spent yesterday in West Point.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Kinkral, living southwest of Norfolk, a son, A. M. Quinn, a Norfolk commercial man, is able to be up after being quite sick.

Councilman E. B. Kauffman is recovering from a severe attack of the grippe.

C. J. Schroeder of Battle Creek held an auction sale, preparatory to moving to Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wachter of Fremont, returning from a short visit at Verdell, were guests at the Schwartz home.

Forty Greek laborers were taken through by the Northwestern to Shoshoni, Wyo., where they will be used in construction work on the road.

noon and evening, will be held in the Eagle lodge rooms.

Miss Jennie Schwenk is home from a two weeks' visit in Stanton.

Madison merchants have formed a credit association and adopted a sixty day credit rule. They have also adopted a 6:30 o'clock closing rule for all days save Saturday.

H. F. Barnhart came down from the Bonesteel line Friday. Mr. Barnhart expects to have the bullet removed from his knee next week. The bullet will be removed in Norfolk.

Madison Star-Mail: Judge Hates issued the following marriage licenses the past week: John Louis Kreifel and Margaret Wehenge, Grover C. Olson and Pearl Edith Theil.

According to the Holt county Democrat much of the efficiency of the Chambers Silver Cornet band is due to N. Beebe, now a Norfolk traveling man. The band was organized under Mr. Beebe's leadership about thirteen years ago and he was leader of the band for many years.

Norfolk is still coughing. Physicians say that most of the time is taken up now with treating cases of the grippe and pneumonia. Among the children there are a number of cases of measles and whooping cough. Despite the long sick list, however, the doctors report few cases of serious illness.

Miss Florence Judd, who resigned her position in the Norfolk schools recently, did so to take up dress making. When Miss Judd decided to leave the profession of school teaching she announced her intentions to the board far enough in advance to permit them to go out and secure a competent teacher to elect when her resignation came before the board.

A sleeper full of United States soldiers, enroute to Fort Robinson from the east, were taken through Norfolk over the Northwestern on the evening train. The soldier boys were transferred to the main line of the Northwestern at Missouri Valley. For twenty minutes there was a touch of blue about the Junction depot.

Saturday night at Krause hall in West Point the Landwehr society of West Point gives a historical representation of many of the scenes, incidents and events of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71. The representations were to be in the form of living pictures with some fifty members and their wives participating. Many of those selected to participate were veterans of the German army.

SHOT SELF WITH RIFLE

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY IS THE VICTIM.

SON OF A ROSEBUD RANCHMAN

Son of C. H. Kimball Accidentally Shot Himself With a Rifle, the Bullet Lodging in His Stomach—Thirty Miles From Medical Assistance.

Valentine, Neb., Jan. 13.—Special to The News: Scott, the 13-year-old son of C. H. Kimball, who is a ranch man over on the Rosebud reservation, accidentally shot himself with a rifle Saturday. The bullet entered his stomach and it is not known whether it proved fatal or not, as the nearest medical assistance was at Valentine, nearly thirty miles away, and the attending physician has not yet returned. The boy at the time of the shooting was at the Indian boarding school on the Rosebud reservation.

"A DRUMMER'S DREAM."

As Related by Himself—At Least That's What They Say.

One night a drummer dreamed a dream And dreaming, dreamed he died, And straightway to the Pearly Gate, His sin-stained spirit fled.

And there before the saints he stood With downcast head and low, "My record's pretty rank," he said, "I guess I'm bound below;

"I've smoked a lot and drank a lot, Confess it all, I must, And flitted, too, and then besides, Great Heaven, how I've cussed."

The good St. Peter looked at him With kindly smiling eyes, But shook his head, "Don't ask," said he, a mansion in the skies."

But let me ask some questions, sir, "Are you a traveling man?" The sinner bowed, and in this strain The aged saint began:

"You've gotten up at four a. m. And chased the train a mile Amid the trains crew's gibes and jeers A-sounding all the while.

And then you found as usual, The time card's played its trick, You've chased the wrong train once again And yours goes out at six.

You've taken some gay merchant out, And spent a ten or more, And then he calmly says he's bought His goods the day before.

You've spent your life at bad hotels, And eaten still worse meals, With oten' and waiter girls All run down at the heels.

You've had your letters sent astray, Your trunks have wandered, too, With porters, clerks and baggagemen You're in a constant stew.

And once a month you see your wife, Now tell me, is it so?" "It is," replied the drummer, As he took his hat to go.

"Ah well," said good St. Peter As he opened the portal wide, "I'm very glad to meet you, sir, Just kindly step inside.

We'll try and make you happy here, We'll do the best we can. You've served your time in Hades, For you've been a traveling man."

BIG SATCHEL OF GOLD

PILGRIM CARRIED IT BY A STRAP OVER HIS SHOULDER.

JOHN VANVASSALER HAD IT

Left for Belgium a Week Ago Carrying His Gold and Accompanied by His Wife and Two Small Children. A Story of Accumulation.

Carrying a little over \$9,000 in gold coins packed away in a satchel attached to his body by a strap over his shoulder, John Van Vassaler left Norfolk with his wife and two children for a visit in Belgium.

Van Vassaler's story reads like an echo of the money flurry. Incidentally it might hold the elements of a tragedy, for an uneducated man takes his life in his hands when he travels a quarter way around the world with \$9,000 in a leather satchel. Van Vassaler left Norfolk a week ago. His departure from Norfolk with his little satchel of gold was not chronicled for fear that an evil message might be elicited over the wires to some shifty thug in America's metropolis.

It was a sleepless night that Van Vassaler spent in Norfolk on the eve of his departure. A nervous man—or he would not have insisted on the ringing coin—Van Vassaler saw on that last night a carefully laid plot to rob him. He was restless and he guarded his gold with a loaded revolver.

The man drew his thousands in gold from a Norfolk bank. Most of the amount was paid in \$20 gold pieces. In all, the coin weighed about sixty pounds. The gold pieces were stacked and wrapped in cloth to prevent a tell-tale tingle.

Month after month in the last few years the family fortune of the Van Vassalers has grown. But a thousand dollars was deposited in the Heintz bank that failed at Butte, Mont. So when that Belgium trip came on and Van Vassaler set out again to his native country, where he will spend the winter and return to Norfolk, he took his gold in a handbag and set out across a continent and an ocean.

The story of the gold that filled that hand satchel is a story of a laborer's life, of saving—and of fortune telling.

While the husband labored at his work the wife told fortunes and the family cash box filled and filled. Mrs. Van Vassaler has told fortunes all over north Nebraska. At race meets and county fairs she has plied her trade. And it is a prosperous trade for in a day she adds from \$10 to \$25 to the family hoard.

It was on a rainy night in Broken Bow that the fortune telling era opened and the Van Vassaler fortunes began to look upward. Van Vassaler and his wife had been with some small show and the cash box rang empty. Then came a careless tale of the "easy money" that came into the path of the fortune teller.

"If others, why not me?" Mrs. Van Vassaler went out on the street and all ignorant of the arts of the seventh daughter of the seventh, she fell to preying on the credulous. That night she told fortunes for ten cents along the street and she came back with \$1.60.

For a long time the fortune teller never asked more than a dime. Then she became bolder and ventured a quarter. Sometime in the Rosebud country in fair times fortune telling struck an upward market and destiny was retailed out at fifty cents a tell.

Long as she worked her trade Mrs. Van Vassaler never deceived herself. It was a hard working profession. And with the husband it was to laugh. He was a hard working man, was Van Vassaler. He has been in Norfolk three years. Among others he has worked for J. W. Ransom. A good workman he got from forty to fifty dollars a month. And what he was taken in in this family stayed in and helped to make that pile of gold coin that rode out of Norfolk with the family.

When the Van Vassalers left Norfolk they had tickets to Belgium where relatives live. They expected to be back in Norfolk in the spring.

MONDAY MENTION.

M. Endres is back from California. Sheriff J. J. Clements was in Norfolk Saturday afternoon.

C. F. Eiseley was in Madison on business Saturday.

George E. Schiller left Saturday afternoon for Central City.

Miss Mae Barrett was called to Fremont Sunday by the death of Mrs. Dora Ham.

Miss Georgia Austin, who is a student at the Wayne normal, was home over Sunday.

Mrs. B. C. Gentle B. C. Gentle returned Saturday evening from a visit at Creston, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. White of Omaha spent Sunday in the city, guests at the home of Burt Mapes.

Wm. Fricke of Creighton was in the city on business. He had been visiting relatives in Battle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Sherdeman are home from an extended visit in Falls City. Mr. Sherdeman has returned to his work on the road for the Rock Island Plow company.

C. D. Simms will leave Norfolk tomorrow morning for Lincoln where he goes to start another pickle factory.

Mrs. O. Stevens and Children arrived Saturday from Platte Center for an extended visit with Mrs. Stevens' sister, Mrs. John Stevens.

If we could take you through our establishment, and show you the vast care and cleanliness which produce the old original egg and sugar coated Arbuckles' Ariosa Coffee, no one could ever tempt you to change to any other coffee.

ARBUCKLES BROS., New York City.

an banquet at Lincoln Wednesday. M. F. Harrington of O'Neill is one of the speakers.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: D. B. Newcomer, Spencer; W. E. Wolthus, T. L. Wolthus, Fullerton; J. C. Wright, S. S. French, Pender; Otto Stoberger, Creighton; F. McWhortan, Pierce; Herbert Rhodes, Creighton; A. Liesner, Plainview; Charles Stortz, Creighton; J. A. Barnes, Plainview; G. A. Hume, Madison; Miss Myrtle Cole, Tilden; Mrs. W. S. McCallum, Meadow Grove; August Bookhoff, Winnetoon; A. R. Davis, Wayne; R. A. Tawney (Pierce); C. E. Linn, Hoskins; R. R. Killer, Dallas, S. D.; Misses Carrie Webster and Mary Kennedy, West Point; Martin Cobb, Hay Springs; C. Reddy, Long Pine.

Mrs. F. M. McNeely is ill with the grippe.

The O. M. C. were entertained Saturday evening by Miss Matilda Herrmann.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Mathewson entertained a few friends at a 6 o'clock dinner Saturday evening.

Tom Price has received word of the accidental death of his little son in California, where the little lad was run over by a train on Christmas day. The boy was four years old.

The next meeting of the economic department of the Woman's Club will be held a week from next Monday at the home of Mrs. John R. Hayes.

The funeral of Dr. A. S. Warner, who dropped dead in his drug store at Butte last week, was held Sunday at Butte. A large number of friends attended the services.

Ed Benning and little son, Fred, celebrated their joint birthday Sunday by giving a party for the son in the afternoon and a party for Mr. Benning in the evening. A very enjoyable time was spent at both parties.

Atkinson Graphic: Dennis Crum and wife of Norfolk, were in Atkinson Wednesday. A trade has been consummated whereby Mr. Crum will take possession of the John Bond farm and Mr. Bond becomes proprietor of a restaurant in Norfolk.

O'Neill Frontier: Mrs. Mary Brush of Norfolk was on Monday, appointed administratrix of the estate of her brother, the late Edward Johnson, who died recently at Inman from injuries sustained in a runaway. Mrs. Brush, accompanied by her brother and her son, Dr. Brush of Norfolk, were in the city Monday, when her appointment as administratrix was made by the county court. Her deceased brother owned considerable real estate and personal property in the vicinity of Inman.

Mrs. Dora Ham, formerly Miss Dora Smith of Norfolk, died early Sunday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. F. Thurber, in Fremont. The death of the husband, Walter Ham, preceded that of the wife by a little over a month. Mr. Ham was an engineer on an Illinois railroad and had at one time been a fireman on the Northwestern out of Norfolk. Before the death of the husband the Hams lived at Springfield, Ill. A little daughter, a year and a half old, is made an orphan by the two deaths. The funeral of Mrs. Ham will be held from the Second Congregational church in Norfolk on Wednesday afternoon.

BRYAN WON'T SAY A WORD.

Nebraska Postively Declines to Discuss Johnson's Interview.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 9.—William J. Bryan spent several hours at home in Lincoln yesterday and then hurried on east to attend a series of Jacksonian banquets. He politely turned down all interviewers who sought to induce him to comment upon the recent statement of Governor Johnson in the New York World.

He declared that he did not care to be interviewed on the subject, that he had discussed the various issues thru the Commoner and would continue to do so, but he did not care to discuss any one else's opinion or position. Further than this the lips of the distinguished Nebraskan were sealed.

A friend who came to Lincoln with Bryan from his recent southern speaking and hunting trip, said today that Bryan had been bombarded for several days with telegrams from the New York World urging him to comment upon the Johnson interview, and that all of the telegrams had gone unanswered.

It is not at all hard for the friends and associates of the Nebraska gentleman to guess that he will pursue his own pleasure in either responding to any request from the World or in approving any political suggestions from that source.

Wednesday Bryan is to break bread with the Jefferson club in Chicago, and the following night he is to banquet with the Jacksonian democrats in Danville, Ill.

RECEPTION TO JUDGE BARNES.

Banquet Given by Nebraska State Bar in Omaha.

Judge J. B. Barnes of Norfolk, who this week became chief justice of the supreme court, was given a pleasant reception at the banquet of the Nebraska state bar association held at

the Rome hotel in Omaha. Judge Barnes was called on as one of the speakers of the evening. He described the working methods of the supreme court commission; spoke highly of the character, ability and loyalty of the commissioners; but declared that the system is wrong, and that the steps being taken for a larger court are wise. "Now, after a third of a century of the practice of my profession, I reflect with pleasure that I have never thought that I lost a case because of the dishonesty or corruption of the court."

SOCIETY FIGHTS THE GRIP

TOO BUSY TAKING MEDICINE TO DO MUCH SOCIALLY.

QUIET AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

Social Activities of the Days Preceding Lent Are Now at Hand and More Social Life May be Expected in the Near Future.

Norfolk has been so busily engaged during the week in swallowing medicine and guarding against colds that society has been largely neglected.

The week coming just at the close of the holiday season marks the social eddy that forms between the retreating gayeties of holiday week and the social activities at hand in the weeks preceding Lent.

Pleasures of the Week.

On Sunday a birthday party was given at the home of William Wagner, complimentary to his son, Martin Wagner, whose twenty-first birthday was celebrated. The party was also a farewell, the young man being about to return to Northwestern university at Watertown, Wis., after the holidays. Mr. Wagner is studying for the Lutheran ministry.

Rev. J. W. Taylor of Madison, who is acting as pastor of the Presbyterian church in Norfolk, with his family were guests at an old fashioned "pound social" last Saturday evening at the home of J. A. Ballantyne.

The birthday club of The Heights gave a one o'clock luncheon on Tuesday afternoon complimentary to Mrs. J. B. Maylard and Mrs. C. D. Simms. The club met at the Maylard home.

Before Mrs. James Dignan left for Interior, S. D., she was given a farewell surprise party by twenty-five members of the M. B. A. The party was given Monday evening.

Guests were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Witzigman at a six o'clock dinner on Wednesday evening. The evening was afterwards largely devoted to cards.

Following the Odd Fellows lodge meeting Thursday evening an oyster supper was enjoyed by some twenty-five members at the New Merchants restaurant.

Mrs. John R. Hays on last Saturday entertained the girls of her Sunday school class in the First Congregational church at a one